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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Bernd-Georg Pietras

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD  
FOR CONNECTING  
TUBULARS USING A TOP  
DRIVE

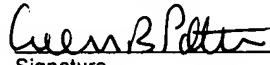
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 22, 2005

In response to the Office Action dated September 22, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 22, 2005, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.